

**Washington, D.C.** - U.S. Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) released this statement Tuesday in advance of the expected vote in the U.S. House on the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (SCHIP):

"I'm proud to join my colleagues in Congress on both sides of the aisle to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program."

"Congress' actions are necessary today to keep alive one of our nation's most effective health care programs. By ensuring that 6 million of our nation's children have access to preventative health care, we are reducing health care costs for all insured families."

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